

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(Religious Education Week)

WHEREAS, the future welfare of our state depends to an important extent on the community experiences which our children and young people receive today;

WHEREAS, there are many agencies, public and private, religious and secular, which are involved in the development of character and citizenship;

WHEREAS, there needs to be cooperation among all these agencies so that all persons of all ages from the farms, the villages, the towns, the cities of our state may have the right kind of experiences and so that they will be fitted to become stalwart citizens;

WHEREAS, this needed cooperation depends on the active support and participation of every citizen, each associating himself with whatever wholesome agencies he can and will;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, hereby proclaim the period beginning Sunday, September 25, and continuing through Sunday, October 2, as the Nineteenth Annual Observance of Religious Education Week. I urge my fellow citizens to support each his own church or synagogue and the educational enterprises associated with it, to seek to work together in whatever ways they can for the training of better citizens, to lead our state to a new understanding of spiritual values and their important role in our democracy, and to continue the free religious heritage that has helped to make American foremost among the nations of the world.

Given under my hand and seal
this 9th day of September, in
the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Forty-Nine.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor